

France

Ethnicity in France

Power relations

Due to their dominant political position in France, the ethnic French are coded as holding the power monopoly for all years - no sign was found for the explicit or implicit inclusion of other ethnicities into the national executive.

The Corsician people gained relevance since the 60s, when movements for Corse nationalism and independence emerge and lead to outbreaks of political violence in the 70s. In 1991 a new statute was adopted by the French parliament, granting the island the special status of a territorial collectivity. So far, Corse political agents or organizations were never included in the national executive, so the group is coded as being powerless for all years.

The Basques, represented by several political parties (such as the Abertzaleen Batasuna), were not integrated into any national government since 1946, and are therefore coded as being powerless. They do not have regional autonomy; although the Basque region has become a "pays" in 1997, it lacks fundamental budgetary powers for self-governance.

The Roma are coded as being discriminated. Several facts support this decision. Until 2012, the voting rights of the Roma population were severely curtailed, as Non-French, European Roma had to be living for 3 years in one place to be allowed to vote in municipal elections, much longer than the lawful 6 months. The restriction of the fraction of Roma being able to live in one locality to a maximum of 3%, in place still today, severely restricts the capability of gaining access to the political system available to the Roma population (¹²⁰⁴). In addition to these direct political discrimination, the Roma in France experience violations of their human rights with regard to housing and education and are subject of discriminatory executive practices and discourses. Since 2010, it has become executive practice to deport non-French Roma to their countries of origin, even if this puts them at risk of discrimination and violence (¹²⁰⁵; ¹²⁰⁶).

¹²⁰⁴ [Open Society Foundation, 2013]

¹²⁰⁵ [Bennett, 2011]

¹²⁰⁶ [Korando, 2012]

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Political status of ethnic groups in France

From 1946 until 1961

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
French	0.976	MONOPOLY
Basques	0.013	POWERLESS
Roma	0.006	DISCRIMINATED
Corsicans	0.004	IRRELEVANT

From 1962 until 1991

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
French	0.976	MONOPOLY
Basques	0.013	POWERLESS
Roma	0.006	DISCRIMINATED
Corsicans	0.004	POWERLESS

From 1992 until 2013

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
French	0.976	MONOPOLY
Basques	0.013	POWERLESS
Roma	0.006	DISCRIMINATED
Corsicans	0.004	POWERLESS



Figure 273: Political status of ethnic groups in France during 1946-1961.



Figure 274: Political status of ethnic groups in France during 1962-1991.



Figure 275: Political status of ethnic groups in France during 1992-2013.

Geographical coverage of ethnic groups in France

From 1946 until 2013

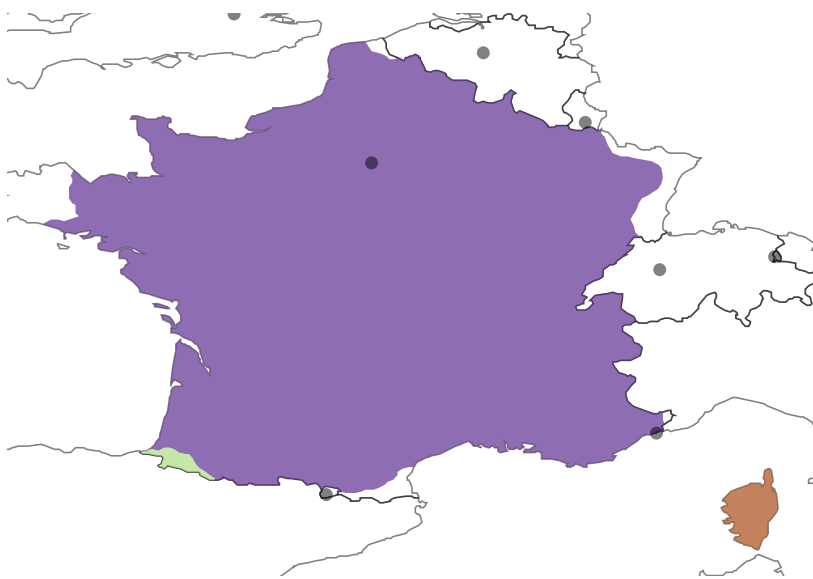


Figure 276: Map of ethnic groups in France during 1992-2013.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
French	510 885	Statewide
Corsicans	8766	Regional & urban
Basques	2573	Regional & urban
Roma		Migrant

Table 83: List of ethnic groups in France during 1946-2013.

Conflicts in France

Starting on 1946-05-07

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of France	Government of Thailand		1946-05-07			

Starting on 1956-10-31

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Egypt	Government of France		1956-10-31			
Government of Egypt	Government of Israel		1956-10-31			
Government of Egypt	Government of United Kingdom		1956-10-31			

Starting on 1961-04-22

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of France	OAS	French	1961-04-22	No	Yes, from EGIP	No

Starting on 1961-07-20

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of France	Government of Tunisia		1961-07-20			